

# Minuteman



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## Outstanding airmen of the year selected from the 94th AW

**By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis**  
*Public Affairs*

Three outstanding performers from the 94th Airlift

Wing have been selected as the top airmen of the year for 2000. A board convenes and considers the four quarterly winners from each category selects the top performers for

the year. In addition to receiving the recognition, annual outstanding airmen receive gifts from several base organizations.



(Photo by Don Peek)

### Rowland leads the way for base airmen

As Kellee Rowland made her way to her recruiter's office to join the Air Force Reserve, she wasn't sure what she was getting into or what she wanted to do for her career field. As she entered the building, the answers to her uncertainties went marching by. That sound and sight of a strike team from the 94th Security Forces Squadron influenced Rowland to pitch her tent with some of the finest in the Air Force.

That was in 1997. Today, Senior Airman Rowland is a security journeyman with the 94th SFS and holds the

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(Photo by Don Peek)

### Bethune leaves his mark at the range

The next time you take a stance on the firing range, look around and you'll see the imprints of Tech. Sgt. Neil Bethune. This Non Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 94th Airlift Wing lives and breathes guns and helped transform the Dobbins range into a showpiece.

Bethune worked as a security craftsman with the 94th Security Forces Squadron when he was named Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter. He now works as a work group manager in the 94th AW Operations Group, installing and maintaining computers.

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(Photo by Don Peek)

### Hogan was looking for some excitement

Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Hogan didn't just become Senior Non Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 94th Airlift Wing based on accomplishments for 2000. Actually, he started laying the foundation when he signed on with the Air Force Reserve. Building on that foundation, Hogan earned his stripes and gained the recognition for what he did in 2000.

Hogan, a 94th Maintenance Squadron communication/navigation system supervisor, spent 12 years on active duty honing his skills as an electronic warfare

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## Around the Wing



(Photo by Rick Ross)

**By Brig. Gen. (sel) William P. Kane**  
94th Airlift Wing, commander

Imagine the following situation: You are sitting in your easy chair after a tough day at your civilian job and your 18-year-old daughter comes in and says that her 35-year-old boss at her part-time job is hitting on her, making sexually explicit comments and suggesting they get together after work. I know what my reaction would be.

What if it was your wife who came home with a tale of racial harassment? What if it was a coworker that confided suicidal thoughts with you? What would you, could you, or should you do? What avenues are available to you or the individual that is being sexually harassed? What if it was racial harassment? What if it was emotional problems?

Issues are usually complicated, and there is no one right answer. Each situation has its own set of circumstances, and possible actions. Certainly the Military Equal Opportunities program will provide a formal reporting source for the first two examples. The mental health professionals at the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron can help with the third. The Chaplain can help with all three in some cases. Certainly, your commander may have some insights and may be able to point you in the right direction. Finally, the inspector general may provide help.

Life, unfortunately, is never quite as cut and dried as the examples given in the textbooks. The first issue that we each face is, "do we believe the victim's story?" If we believe the story, is he or she willing

to testify? Often the person is not, for a lot of different reasons, some valid some not. Is there any physical evidence or will it be a "he said, she said" issue? If it is a "he said, she said," that doesn't reduce the significance of the issue, but it might mean a different course of action. Is there a reputation of either the victim or perpetrator that might color the investigators vision? Again, it doesn't impact the truth of the situation but might impact the victim's willingness to come forward. What if command chain is involved? Who do I tell then? What will I do to the victim's career if the perpetrator gets off? What impact will it have on the perpetrator's reputation if he or she is accused falsely? All of these issues will rush to your mind. Sometimes obscuring your ability to think critically and do the right thing. Each can be used as an excuse for inaction.

Let me step away and tell you a couple stories. When I was the Operations Group commander at another base we had a very sad event. One morning arriving at work we discovered the body of one of my staff lying dead outside my building. He had shot himself to death. When the investigation was done, and we could find no definitive cause, we all asked ourselves, how could that happen? Why didn't he say something to one of us? Why didn't we see that he was depressed? What could we have done differently? That was seven years ago, but to this day, rarely does a week go by that I don't question my lack of insight, my failure to save this fine young man. Intellectually I know I wasn't responsible, but emotionally, it is not so clear.

Story two involves a first sergeant that decided to raise money for the squadron fund by selling "exotic videos" to squadron members at the annual squadron family day. A concerned individual reported the sales to the IG, who investigated resulting in the first sergeant needing to find a new job that required fewer stripes. There are many solutions for many different challenges. In no case should the guilty get away with it, and in no case should the victim have to suffer.

No matter what the issue is, it is reasonable that there are several things you want to be able to say when it's over.

One is: Did I do the right thing? Often that means being proactive. Trying to get the victim to talk to the commander

or the chaplain or MEO staff. It rarely means, sitting back and seeing what happens next. Two: Can I look at myself in the mirror or tell my kids what I did when I was presented with a moral challenge? That is a tough test to pass. Certainly, we all want to take the "high" road. Three: Were my actions fair to all involved? Just because accusations are made doesn't mean that anyone is guilty. From my perspective as a commander, most of the investigations I initiate find little or nothing. If done right, very few people know that the investigations occurred. However, the investigations are necessary to clear the air. Similarly, those that result in substantiated findings often stop the illegal activities.

I can't be your moral compass; all I can do is point you toward the appropriate agency and regulation. I am 100 percent confident that we all already have adequate compasses; we simply need some help with knowing how to help. Don't be complacent, be active, be a leader and do not tolerate unacceptable behaviors or situations, ACT and ACT NOW!

*Editor's Note: For more information on agencies that can help, see "The open door for listening" on page 7.*

## Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

**By Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy McKenna**  
22nd Air Force, Life Support  
Dobbins Top Three President

Karl Marx wrote in the Communist Manifesto, that the only thing that can

cause society to change is civil disobedience. He was wrong. In the last 18 months in the Dobbins community, I have observed a group of dedicated senior NCOs come together as one voice and cause positive change. We have grown from a novel concept and transcended into a recognizable entity.

We gather quarterly to welcome and recognize new senior NCOs to our cadre, a career milestone for these individuals. The pride seen in our brethren as the senior NCO induction is being administered helps each of us realize that we are part of something that is much bigger than any one person or viewpoint. The renewed oath of enlistment is given. It demonstrates to base leadership and for all present to see, that more is expected in the Senior NCO tier; more must be done.

As a group, we have decided to address and support viable issues. Your commitment to maintain and upkeep the new AC-130 gunship that will be displayed by the front gate ensured management that this historical aircraft is best suited for our base. Your commitment to ensure members on our base and those TDY will have sidewalks is a great quality of life enhancement. Recently, it was encouraging to see the rousing volunteerism to support the cemetery on base. The dedicated efforts of Master Sgt. Mark Young for initiating this project are most noteworthy. For patriotism during our Top Three meetings, the Honor Guard has done an impeccable job of paying tribute first to our new 94th AW Command Chief Master Sergeant and then a moving flag folding tribute to the our fellow servicemen who lost their lives on the U.S. Cole.

As your president, I will continue to raise challenges requiring your involvement. We have more than 140 members and must stay informed. We do not have the monies for mass mailings so Master Sgt. Oscar Taylor, Top Three webmaster, has done a fantastic job of creating a website. Chief Master Sgt. Pat Ferrell, Master Sgt. Mark Young and Senior Master Sgt. John Indomenico are pursuing Top Three merchandise that will show our pride.

In the early stages, we received feedback that our quarterly meeting should be confined to one hour. With the new projects, the feedback now is to

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extend the time for meetings. We will do so at our next gathering; however, the time will remain productive to ensure your invaluable time is well spent.

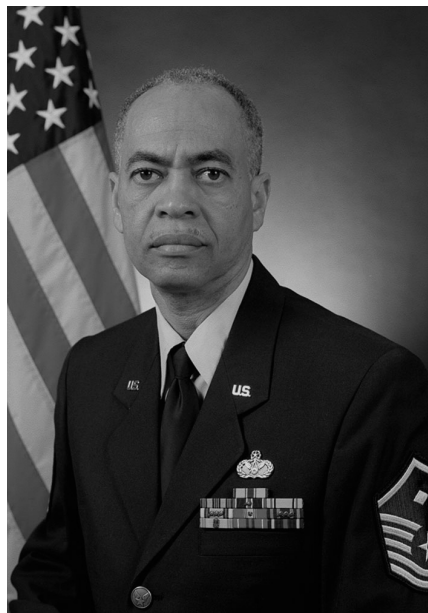
Our group has grown to a point that finding a venue for our meetings is a challenge. The Air National Guard Auditorium and the Consolidated Open Mess are the only two locations that can house 170 - 200 people. Both have their challenges. Base leadership has assured us they will assist in facilitating a meeting place for our group.

Funding projects for such a large group is a challenge. We need to generate funding. We are looking for volunteers to assist in maintaining a booth at the upcoming airshow on May 19 - 20. We are also organizing a car wash for this summer. Details will be on the Top Three website and will be sent through email.

Previously inducted senior NCOs come to each meeting and introduce the new inductees. These speakers provide an overview of their career and explain the life choices that led to their Air Force career. They provide insight on the diversity the makes up this great Air Force.

Member's motivations are what keep this great Air Force on a continuum of volunteerism and strength. Our vitality is contingent upon the dedicated efforts of professionals like each of you on the Dobbins team-you make a difference. Stay involved, help make us better and God bless each of you.

## First Sergeant of the Year. Thanks.



(Photo by Don Peek)

**By Master Sgt. Calvin Stevens**  
*First Sergeant, 622nd Regional Support Group*

When I first realized I was named the First Sergeant of the Year, I did not believe I should receive such an honor. Then, it hit me. My peers, "diamond wearers" (diamond wearing first sergeants) and "diamond bearers" (additional duty first sergeants) selected me for this recognition. Of all the awards, decorations and accolades I have received during my years as a reservist, this honor has

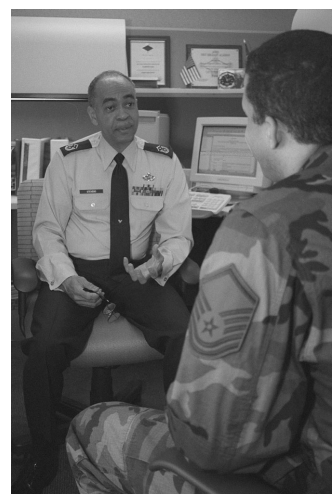
a special meaning to me.

First of all, it is not everyday that one's peers bestow this kind of recognition on one of their own. For that, I am grateful. I am thankful for the abilities God has given me and the ability to use what little skills I have acquired over the years. Yes, dedication and hard work played a part of this success, but the ability to treat people with dignity and respect goes a long way.

It has been a rewarding experience serving as first sergeant for three distinctive and unique organizations during the past nine years. I am also grateful that dedicated individuals have surrounded me. In receiving this honor, I accept it on behalf of all first sergeants at Dobbins ARB.

One of the duties of a first sergeant is demonstrating the willingness to know and work with people. Our primary mission is people. If you do not like people, then, the job is not for you. I get energized working around and with people! If I can help one person, then, I have succeeded for that day. So my job is a never-ending one!

Moreover, there are three leadership qualities I have learned over the years that



**Master Sgt. Calvin Stevens, 622nd Regional Support Group first sergeant, helped form the Dobbins First Sergeants Association and continues as the organization's president. He is also active in the Dobbins Top Three, championing Professional Military Education issues. (Photo by Don Peek)**

have benefited me, not only as a first sergeant, but on my civilian job as well. Those are qualities I call ACE, and you will see these qualities in all leaders. They are: attitude, commitment and enthusiasm. Without these three ingredients, I doubt I would have been successful in attaining my career goals. Again, I accept this recognition with humility, and I sincerely appreciate those who have shown confidence in my abilities to be the First Sergeant of the Year. Thanks!

*Editors Note: Master Sgt. Calvin Stevens is the president of the Dobbins First Sergeants Association. His contributions as a first sergeant in the 94th*

*Airlift Wing and now in the 622nd Regional Support Group have been nothing less than exemplary. As he travels through his career, he sets the standard for professionalism, service and dedication. As a Dobbins' team, we appreciate him and are glad he's one of us. Stevens goes on to represent the base in Reserve Command-wide competition. Good luck Calvin, we're pulling for you.*

## Recruiting, retention and family important to new Command Chief

**By 1st Lt. Stan Paregien**  
*932nd Airlift Wing public affairs officer*

Newly selected Air Force Reserve Command Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl Adams is wasting no time getting ready for her new job.

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command and chief of Air Force Reserve, selected Adams from among 12 nominees for the position Jan. 22.

She spent Jan. 23 planning the next big stage of her life and has been on the phone talking to other enlisted leaders and replying to emails of congratulations from throughout the nation.

Adams is currently the command chief for the 932nd Airlift Wing located at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"I was in the office at Scott Air Force Base when I got the phone call from General Sherrard," said Adams. "We spoke for a few minutes and he shared with me his philosophy and goals for our enlisted personnel, which I was pleased to hear, mirrored my own. Then he told me I was his selection and I've been excited about getting to Georgia ever since."

She will be the command's third command chief since it became a major command in 1997.

"There are already some good initiatives going on in the Air Force Reserve and I want to help by getting out there and listening to our folks," she said. "Recruiting and retention are areas I see as important."

"The promotion issue is big and we are already working toward a process to increase opportunities and ensure consistency across the command," Adams said. "I

also want to make sure our people are recognized for their talents and contributions; and that they always believe they are a respected part of the force," commented Adams, I believe that is an important key to retention."

Adams sees her greatest asset as having a passion for people and making sure concerns and needs are taken care of, including one of her favorite areas, personnel recognition programs.

"I have strong listening abilities and I like to get out there and hear from everyone; including our younger, newer members," she said. "If we listen to them, we will understand how to keep them and help the Air Force Reserve maintain readiness for the future."

Her experiences at Scott AFB have helped her get ready for this opportunity of a lifetime.

"I've worked with some excellent enlisted leaders during my time here at Scott. I've had supporters who have pushed me in the right direction and I have learned from both good and bad examples of how to treat people. As command chief master sergeant, I've served under four wing commanders and each one has mentored me and allowed me to grow," Adams said.

The command chief master sergeant is required to travel extensively, but she pointed out that the time spent on the road will be worth it.

"I will be communicating the needs and challenges from individuals in the field back up to General Sherrard and the headquarters staff. I'm anxious to get out and see the diverse people and missions we have in the Air Force Reserve. It will be a chance to meet and thank them for what they do," Adams said.

Adams' faith has been very important and has

shaped how she interacts with others as well.

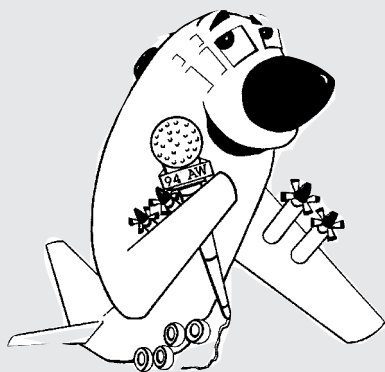
"I've had good times and tough times. My mom went with me when I was just 17 to help me decide between the Army Reserve or Air Force Reserve and I'm thankful I chose the latter," she said. "She was able to see me reach E-9 before she passed away in 1995. My two sons are basically Air Force Reserve 'Brats' because they were born and raised since I've been in the military. They waved goodbye when I went to Desert Storm in 1991 to be a facility nursing-superintendent at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia. And my mother came to stay with them. That time away just reminds me that we must ensure that our families know how important they are to us; and how crucial our family support efforts are to them."

Adams assumed the job of command chief for AFRC on Feb. 15 and works at Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga. (AFRC News Service)



**Air Force Reserve Command Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl Adams**

Herk Wonders



What does integrity mean to you?

“I work with the promotion list. I maintain a high standard of integrity by not telling anyone about the status of any service-member’s promotion. Integrity is also being honest with yourself and doing the right thing when no one is around.”

**Airman 1st Class Jadina Stephens, 94th Mission Support Squadron, personnel apprentice**

“Integrity involves putting actions before self and doing what is needed to complete the mission. Integrity is also honesty, commitment, dedication and being realistic.”

**Staff Sgt. Kimberly Nesbitt, 94th Services Squadron, services specialist**

“Integrity is not only doing the right thing, but knowing what the right thing is.”

**Master Sgt. Ellen Wilt, 22nd Air Force, deputy director of Public Affairs**

“Integrity is synonymous with credibility. If you don’t have integrity, there is no credibility. What makes the Air Force effective is the ability to delegate duties and know that it’s done. Leaders can delegate to subordinates and trust the work to be done without having to micromanage the tasks. Also, leaders don’t show integrity at all times, they will lose their credibility. That lack of credibility will give subordinates a reason not to give 100 percent. Integrity is trust. It’s imperative that servicemembers trust that their leaders will take care of them. When people know that, they will do whatever is needed to get the job done. We all have a charge to keep.”

**Lt. Col. Norm Ham, 22nd Air Force safety officer**

March UTA Schedule

\*schedule is subject to change

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-0900	HEARING CONSERV (REFRESHER)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0830-1130	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DMP SA) 0830-REASSIGNMENTS 0930-TDY (30 DAYS OR MORE)/SCHOOL TOURS 1030-RETIREMENTS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0930-1030	OJT MGRS MTG (DPMT)	BLDG 838/TNET RM
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP (OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94SVS/BLDG 922
1300-1400	“STRESS/TIME MGMT” (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94 AES	BLDG 922/FRONT
1700-1800	DINNER (SVF)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
AS REQUIRED	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1400	NBCWD TNG (INITIAL)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0830	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 550/RM 201
0900-1030	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DPMSA) 0900-REASSIGNMENTS 0930-TDY (30 DAYS OR MORE)/SCHOOL TOURS 1000-RETIREMENTS	BLDG 922/RM 205
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	FR UNIT FAM SPT GP (FSG)(FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR’S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC) (JAN/MAR/JUN/SEP)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
1545-1630	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

\* ALL MEALS ON BOTH DAYS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONSOLIDATED OPEN MESS.



# Rehearsing the cargo deployment process

**Story and photos by Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**  
Public Affairs

Griffin Services, the civilian contractor at Dobbins ARB, is ensuring the



**Load team members verify the height of a CONEX storage box during a joint inspection.**

readiness of its employees to correctly process, label and load cargo for airlift through training and practice under the coordination of the 94th XP plans team.

"The cargo deployment function has not changed because of the non federal employment status of personnel performing the process," said Senior Master Sgt. Steve Winn, 94th XP plans NCOIC. "The four deployment work centers still exist—the cargo marshalling area, load teams, load planning and quality control. The CDF also arranges on-base transportation

to support deployment activities through the sub motor pool."

The contractor requested the training for the February unit training assembly. It's a good opportunity for the civilian employees to get hands-on experience, said Winn.

The exercise simulated an actual deployment with equipment provided by 80th Aerial Port Squadron and 94th Airlift Control Flight. There was also an observation team present to make recommendations.

Many of the civilian employees with Griffin Services have military or civil service experience in the deployment process.

"Griffin Services acquired the contract to manage the base transportation function as well as the deployment work center functions last June," said Ed



**Tech. Sgt. Kit Athey, 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, guides a vehicle during the on-loading portion of the CDF exercise.**

Asberry, Griffin Services chief of supply. "Many of our employees were employed with the previous contractor."

More than forty employees will be involved during another deployment exercise in April.

So, what takes place in getting the cargo, properly loaded and processed to the right plane?

Paperwork — load lists, documentation, communication, identification, and more paperwork. Quality control monitors the documentation and ensures that the correct copies get to the right individuals on the aircraft. Also, a copy stays at the home station.

The flow of information between the deployment work centers and deploying units, is critical to achieving a successful on-loading for airlift," said Winn. "It requires accurate preparation of documents. That includes packing and load lists for each increment of cargo, the load plans for the aircraft, hazardous material identification, and manifests for cargo and personnel. The correct measurements of weight and space occupied by cargo and personnel are also documented."

"Cargo loads and deploying personnel assigned to a particular aircraft is referred to as a chalk," said Rashid Hill, Griffin Services traffic management supervisor.



**Ed Asberry, Griffin Services, checks the chalk board to track the preparation of cargo for airlift.**

"Cargo for each chalk is checked in at the entry control point. From there, load teams ensure the cargo is processed to the correct aircraft."

"Everyone who is a member of the cargo-deployment function has a good attitude," said Asberry. "We're all learning from this exercise."



**Dexter Moon, military trained and experienced, briefs new load team members on the deployment process and what to expect. Entry control point team members check cargo and note the start time for equipment arriving at the marshalling area.**

## Identity theft not uncommon

**By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola**  
Public Affairs

Imagine a person with a perfect credit history. Then one day they begin receiving calls from a credit card company they had never applied to. The credit card company representative claims that the individual is 60 days over due on their payment. Within a matter of days more calls begin to trickle in from various other credit companies. Loans, credit cards and withdrawn money is taken by someone else claiming to be this individual. This unfortunate case of identity theft occurs more often than people realize.

"Over 400 Air Force members have found themselves victims of identity theft," said Jeff Fleshman, Air Force Office of Special Investigation, special agent. "Usually you become aware of identity theft when you receive a bank or billing statement at the end of the month or a statement with a huge bill from a service provider that you may have never heard of."

There are many steps that a victim of identity theft can take in order to reduce the amount of damage created by the criminal.

Step 1: Cancel the credit cards immediately! Inform the credit card companies fraud division.

Step 2: File a report with the AFOSI and the local police immediately.

Step 3: Contact the three national credit-reporting organizations and obtain a copy of your credit report. Call the following agencies to obtain the information: Equifax: (800) 525-6285; Experian: (800) 301-7195; Trans Union: (800) 680-7289; Social Security Administration fraud line: (800) 269-0271.

Step 4: Place a fraud alert on your name and social security number with the credit reporting agencies. This alert means that any company that checks your credit knows your identity was stolen and they will contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Step 5: Review your credit report for any unusual or unauthorized new credit.

Step 6: Report unauthorized and fraudulent transactions to your bank's security personnel.

"The key is having the toll-free numbers and your credit card numbers handy so you know who to call," said Fleshman. "Keep those numbers some place where you can find them easily because having to hunt for the numbers in a stressful time will only add to the stress."

There are a few preventative measures that can be taken in order to better protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft.

"Be careful of the items you throw in the trash," said Fleshman. "Billing statements, unsolicited credit card offers, anything depicting your social security number, account numbers, and birth dates gives the thief the information needed to steal your identity. LESs contain all the information needed for identity theft. Always memorize personal identification numbers and watch over your shoulder to see if anyone is watching when using an ATM."

For more information concerning identity theft contact your local AFOSI office.



## Dinner theater

Was it the butler? The Consolidated Club is hosting a "who done it" murder mystery combined with dinner on March 6 at 9 p.m. Performing the play is the professional national touring company, The Repertory Theater of America. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, call (770) 919-4594.

## Holiday dinners at the club

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter with a great feast. For St. Patrick's Day enjoy green beer at the bar! Dinner is only \$8.95 for members. For Easter the club is offering an all-you-care-to-eat loaded buffet for \$12.95. For more information, call (770) 919-4594. There will be no monthly Sunday buffet in March or April.

## Haynes to speak locally

Retired United Airlines Captain Al Haynes will speak March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Building in Lawrenceville, Ga. Haynes, a former Marine Corps flight instructor and 35-year veteran with United was the pilot of Flight 232 that crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1989. The presentation is free and is sponsored by the Air Force Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Air Force equipment and heritage.

## Prayer breakfast

All are invited to attend the annual prayer breakfast on April 8 at 7:30 a.m. in Verhulst Hall. Rev. James E. Victor, Jr., assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, is scheduled as the guest speaker.

In 1942, Prayer Breakfast Groups were organized in the Senate and House of Representatives and met weekly to share and pray for their individual spiritual needs and affirm the dependency of America on God. In 1953, members of the Senate and House Prayer Groups established with President Eisenhower the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast has taken place each year since then and has become known as the Annual National Prayer Breakfast.

For more information, contact Chaplain Tim Broughton at (404) 307-8782 or Sgt. Liz Williams (770) 919-4955.

## Information security campaign

The Air Force is conducting a year-long information security campaign, "Information Assurance Awareness Campaign 2001," to inform network users of their responsibilities for the security and integrity of the network.

Network users should be aware of their responsibilities. Users should answer yes to the following questions:

1. I always enable my screen lock or log off when my terminal is out of my sight.
2. I never share my password with my secretary or my co-workers for convenience.
3. Diskettes I receive are virus scanned before I use the information on them.
4. I never use my Internet access for surfing photography websites.
5. Computer virus and classified message incidents are immediately identified and reported to the help desk.

If not, you could very well be the weak link in the chain that causes the network to fail. For further guidance on your user responsibilities, contact Milton

Dennie, Dobbins information protection officer at (770) 919-5658.

## Enlisted PME change

As of Jan. 16, 2001, students whose enlisted PME courses terminate for non-participation (enrollment expires prior to course completion), will incur a one year enrollment restriction. This was previously a 6-month restriction. Students already in a 6-month restriction at the time of this change will not be affected. Students who are disenrolled for course failure and those who voluntarily disenroll (at student request) will continue to incur a 6-month restriction.

## USA military competition

Do you think you are the best of the best? Each summer the U.S. sends to Europe an 18-member men's team and a 6-member women's team for the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Military Competition. Reserve commission or cadet status makes you eligible. There will be competitions ranging from swimming to rifle marksmanship. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Smits at (800) 223-1784, ext. 7-0337 or carol.smits@afrc.af.mil

## Internet scam

American Online (AOL) users be very careful not to give out your credit card number to an e-mail claiming to be AOL. The e-mail states that the last attempt to charge your credit card for your monthly bill has been declined. After this message the scam goes on to say that you need to "click" on a URL that is provided and enter a new credit card number or face a \$35 late fee. All the web pages and e-mails look like they are from AOL. For

more information, contact your local Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

## Screen printing

The Dobbins Creations Screen Printing Shop is up and running. Hats, T-Shirts, sweats or other specialty items can be printed on. Call Brenda Stephens at (770) 919-4870 for details on how to get your special item screen printed.

## Free chiropractic care available for eligible veterans

Eligible veterans can receive free chiropractic treatment from Life University. To verify eligibility, contact Ed Murrell at the Veterans Outreach Center at (404) 347-7264.

## 2001 GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia License on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, May 3, 2001  
Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001  
Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

## Vacation anyone?

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is offering resort vacations for \$209. For more information, pick up a voucher at any participating ITT office or call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988 and give them account number 7033-00000.

## AFA Reserve Council needs members

Looking to make a difference in the Air Force? Active, Guard and Reserve members, unit reservists, and individual mobilization augmentees in any Air Force specialty and pay grade have until April 9 to apply for membership on the Air Force Association Reserve Council.

Council members serve for two years and develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment modernization and military construction issues affecting Air Force Reserve Command and reservists.

Interested people may apply through their wing commander. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh of the Office of Air Force Reserve's Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon at DSN 223-2452 or 703-693-2452.

# Airshow 2001

Dobbins will host an open house and airshow May 19 and 20. This event, Armed Forces Over Marietta (A Tribute to the Community), is open to the public. You are encouraged to let your friends and family know about the event. It has been more than 2 years since the 94th Airlift Wing has sponsored an airshow and a large turnout is expected. Numerous flying demonstrations are scheduled. There will also be a variety of aircraft on static display including the newest air superiority fighter, the F-22



Raptor.

The gates open at 10 a.m. both days. Buses will be provided from the Lockheed parking lot, which is also open to the public. Handicapped persons will have special parking at Dobbins, but valid handicap information must be provided for entry through the main gate. Vendors will offer a variety of foods at a minimal charge. No backpacks, no coolers, and no glass containers allowed through gates.

For more information, call (770) 919-5055.





Newly Assigned

- Maj. Bruce M. Adams
- Maj. Jeffrey S. Lorenz
- Maj. Mark B. Ott
- Capt. William W. Petit
- Capt. Kimberly A. Womak
- 2nd Lt. Guisepp Deabate
- Tech. Sgt. Lance S. Graham
- Tech. Sgt. Bernard McGeehan
- Tech. Sgt. Marvin D. Quick
- Staff Sgt. James Amudsen
- Staff Sgt. Paula Blair
- Staff Sgt. Erin M. Cowan
- Staff Sgt. Louis E. Fleming, Jr.
- Staff Sgt. Lance W. Kruger
- Staff Sgt. Nada G. Mishrik
- Staff Sgt. Kathleen M. Petridis
- Staff Sgt. Nancy L. Sanders
- Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Simpson
- Sgt. Nathaniel Prather
- Sgt. Anthony F. Rabb
- Senior Airman Jeremy W. Ammons
- Senior Airman Richard L. Bartels
- Senior Airman Tina N. Bray
- Senior Airman Paul R. Hanna
- Senior Airman David W. Holland
- Senior Airman Adriane T. Holliman
- Senior Airman Inocencia Holloway
- Senior Airman Lovonna L. Ivory
- Senior Airman Cynthia M. Jackson
- Senior Airman Michelle L. Johnson
- Senior Airman Bradley D. Jordan
- Senior Airman Schiller T. Lindsey
- Senior Airman Brian L. Moore
- Senior Airman Samuel M. Ruff
- Senior Airman Robert L. Sparks
- Senior Airman Patricia L. Young
- Airman 1st Class Ashantif Bashir
- Airman 1st Class Ayanna R. Brandon
- Airman 1st Class Kelly N. Burnette
- Airman 1st Class Julian T. Swann
- Airman 1st Class Aaron T. Tarver
- Airman 1st Class Sean D. Walters
- Airman Anthony Poe, II
- Airman Basic Latha Cole

The open door for listening

“I don’t know to whom to talk!” Have you ever communicated these words? Have you ever heard similar quotations? Many people have expressed this frustration at work, home and social events. Let me provide an answer and some options.

We face a multitude of problems and frustrations in our daily lives. It is an accepted truth that the longer a problem continues, the more complicated it becomes and the results are usually more damaging. The Air Force recognizes people as our most valuable resource/asset and provides many specialized services to help personnel resolve allegations of discrimination, fraud, waste, and abuse, and misconduct.

First, let’s dispel a common myth that the inspector general is only interested in fraud, waste, and abuse complaints. The IG serves all 94th Airlift Wing members and is available as a point of contact when questions arise and the proper chain of command is not working or cannot be used. The IGs door is always open and specific contact information is posted on all 94th AW official bulletin boards. The following is a listing of specialized support agencies for the wing:

Agency	Phone#	Specialization
Installation IG	(770) 919-3298	Fraud, Waste, and Abuse/Misconduct
Military Equal Opportunity	(770) 919-5042	Discrimination
Legal Office	(770) 9195199	Legal Advice
Crime Stop	(770) 9194909	Reporting Crimes

Air Force surgeon general:  
One suicide is one too many

By Leigh Anne Bierstine  
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

01/26/01 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) — One Air Force suicide is one suicide too many, according to Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, Air Force surgeon general.

The surgeon general is trying to combat suicides by instilling in every Air Force member that it is a community problem. That philosophy is the basis for the Air Force’s community approach to suicide prevention.

“We have to stop thinking of suicide prevention as something only mental health professionals do,” Carlton said.

“All of us have a responsibility to our fellow airmen and co-workers,” he explained. “Recognizing when a person is having problems and actively encouraging that person to seek help is a vital to suicide prevention.

“We lose too many airmen to suicide in the Air Force, and it is preventable,” he said. “Whatever the numbers are, we can never stop being proactive and declare victory. Instead we must continue our efforts.”

Today, the Air Force is using a prevention team called the integrated delivery system that includes chaplains and professionals from mental health, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy, all working together and taking responsibility for enhancing community health and well-being.

To date, suicide prevention efforts include an emphasis on involving and training Air Force leadership, and on buddy care and annual suicide prevention training for all military and civilians. The Air Force also

31,000 people commit suicide annually in the United States. Twenty-one active-duty Air Force people committed suicide in 2000, according to the casualty services branch of the Air Force Personnel Center.

Raising suicide awareness is not enough, according to Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, who leads the Air Force’s suicide prevention team.

“Our pilots are responsible for early signs of problems with their jet engines, so mechanics can intervene before engine failure occurs,” Talcott said. “In the same way, we expect our commanders, first sergeants and supervisors at every level to be responsible for their co-workers and watch for early signs of problems so we can intervene early.”

“The subject of suicide is very discomforting for many people, but the first step toward preventing suicide is getting people to talk about it,” Talcott said.

Talcott suggest people be alert for the following warning signs that may signal suicide intent:

- Preoccupied with death and dying
- Talk about committing suicide
- Make final arrangements for death
- Trouble eating or sleeping
- Drastic changes in behavior
- Withdrawal from friends or social activities
- Loss of interest in work, school, etc.
- Give away prized possessions
- Take unnecessary risks
- Loss of interest in personal appearance
- Increased use of alcohol and drugs

For more information on what to do if a member encounters someone with these signs, immediately contact an appropriate integrated delivery system representative: the chaplain’s office, family support center, behavioral health clinic, family advocacy, or health and wellness center.

Quarterly award winners announced

Master Sgt. Antonio Johnson, 94th Security Forces Squadron security craftsman, has been named the Senior Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the 94th AW. His recognition covers the period from October to December 2000.

According to former 94th Security Forces Commander Maj. William Forshey, Jr., Johnson is an exceptional NCO with sound character and a wholesome personality and enjoys good physical, mental, and emotional health. Forshey added that Johnson’s attitude has a dynamic affect on all members of the squadron.

As part of his duties, Johnson plans and directs group operational activities that include land navigation, use of force, physical training, and fire team maneuvers. His efforts at coordinating Just-in-Time training for security forces personnel helped the unit meet 100 percent of its mission requirements with no manpower shortages. He was also recognized as a Superior Performer during the squadron’s deployment to the Air Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J.

Johnson was recently promoted to senior staff Lt. in the Fulton County Sheriff’s Department and is active with youth sports in DeKalb County.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Palmer, 94th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment mechanic, has been named the Outstanding Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the 94th AW.

Palmer was selected for his deep sense of responsibility and pride that motivated him to use a maintenance computer data system to develop a slide show training plan. The training for documenting equipment records for the Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight resulted in a 10 percent decrease in system errors. He also was instrumental in helping the AGE Flight earn the Bioenvironmental Shop of the Year award.

Lt. Col. Fred Alley, commander, 94th Logistics Group said that Palmer is a role model for today’s airmen. He’s dedicated, loyal, and highly professional and always willing to accept a new challenge and that his efforts in the AGE Flight training program is paying huge dividends to the squadron.

Palmer holds a Bachelors Degree in Music from Kennesaw State University and an Associates Degree in Aerospace Ground Equipment from the Community College of the Air Force. He volunteers as a musical performer and is a volunteer music instructor for deserving students through the Tuskegee Airman Mentoring Program.

Senior Airman Rowland, a security journeyman with the 94th SFS was named the Airman of the Quarter for October - December 2000. She was also named Outstanding Airman of the Year for the 94th Airlift Wing. For more information on Rowland, please see page 1.





**Senior Airman Kellee Rowland, security journeyman, adjusted well to her 94th Security Forces Squadron environment. She enjoys the outdoors and the challenges offered by the Reserve. (Photo by Don Peek)**

## Rowland (cont'd from page 1)

distinction of being named Outstanding Airman of the Year for the 94th Airlift Wing.

“Going through high school, I had to learn everything the hard way,” laughed Rowland. “I was labeled as a troublemaker and was always told that because of my attitude, I wouldn’t be successful. The Air Force Reserve has given me the opportunity to overcome that label. My challenge when I joined was to listen and learn. I’ve not only shown others that I can do the right thing, but more importantly, I’ve proven to myself that I can do it.”

Continuing to take on challenges, Rowland constantly strives to meet requirements in what is traditionally considered a man’s world. The physical endurance and strength required to accomplish tasks in the Squadron are not everyone’s cup of tea.

“I have the confidence that I can handle any security situation, regardless of the physical requirements,” explained Rowland. “You don’t always have to pick someone up and carry them to take care of them. I’ll take care of my partner when the time comes. I’ve been partnered with some pretty big guys in training and have always managed to move them.” Master Sgt. Sam McClinic, 94th SFS flight sergeant agrees that Rowland will get the job done.

“We treat everyone the same in the Squadron, regardless of male or female,” said McClinic. “But, I have to say that Airman Rowland has shown that she has the fortitude and determination to stick with it. Security Forces personnel have to be in better shape and to be able to cope with their wartime environment. We lose a lot of people, male and female, because they don’t have the determination to stay with it.”

McClinic added that he first deployed with Rowland for the Wing’s operation readiness inspection several years ago and was impressed with her performance. “She doesn’t wait to be told what to do, she does it,” he said. Rowland admits that she doesn’t like to sit still very long and would rather be out in the field that behind a desk.

Among Rowland’s accomplishments as the 94th AW Outstanding Airman Award this year was a deployment to Saudi Arabia for 60 days in support of Operation Southern Watch. She also trained at the Air Warfare Mobility Center at Ft. Dix, N.J., learning more about team patrols, convoys and anti-terrorism measures. In the past, she was recognized by the Secret Service for her past involvement in presidential and vice-presidential visits to Dobbins ARB.

“I’ve had a lot of support from my unit and peers,” added Rowland, who became an air reserve technician last August. “When I first came into the unit, I was impressed that people would take the time to help teach me and I’m still impressed.” She likes meeting new people and the working in an environment where everything is different from day to day.

Rowland enjoys reading and learning as much as she can about the jobs of her peers and supervisors. She’s a volunteer with several law enforcement agency youth programs and sings in her church choir.

## Bethune (cont'd from page 1)

Propelling him into the top NCO spot for the year was his recognition as a Superior Performer during the Unit Compliance Inspection conducted in January 2000. The Dobbins Firing Range was called a model for other Combat Arms sections throughout the Air Force.

“I grew up around guns,” said Bethune, who worked for a gun parts distributor when he was in high school. “You would find me out in the woods shooting cans instead of on the football field. I don’t like to kill anything so I’m happy shooting at paper. I just like knowing how guns work, understanding their capabilities and handling them.” Bethune’s interest brought him to the Air Force 11 years ago as a weapons trainer.

When you think of security forces, you might think of weapon wielding, marching and crawling, and foxhole-digging troops. That’s not the case with Bethune, who provided weapons training to more than 5,000 troops at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., during Desert Storm.

“I’ve always been a combat arms instructor and then we were merged into Security Forces,” explained Bethune. “I never really got into being a cop, I just like to teach them how to use their guns.” Last year Bethune taught weapons familiarization and marksmanship class-



**Tech. Sgt. Neil Bethune was a bit nervous when he was assigned as the first ART to care for the Dobbins Firing Range. Now, the range is a showpiece and model. Bethune was assigned to the 94th Security Forces Squadron when he was submitted for the award. He now works with the 94th Operations Group. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)**

es to reservists departing for operations around the world. In addition he has provided weapons training to outside agencies, such as police groups and the Boy Scouts.

Coming on as the first air reserve technician to manage the Dobbins Firing Range, Bethune admits he felt the pressure to make a difference with the range. Bethune concentrated on other basics. For example, he improved the weapons inspection program, ensuring units knew how to take care of their weapons and created a combat arms file plan. Another focus point for Bethune was the refurbishment of the range. He had the overhead baffles rebuilt and made improvements to the backstop.

“I was really nervous about taking on the assignment,” said Bethune. “My first goal was to make it a customer service facility. Weapon training is a critical mission and I wanted to make sure our people were getting the right training and were leaving better qualified.” In a fast-changing world, Bethune pointed out that operating a range involved in-depth knowledge, about gun and ammunition capabilities, environmental laws, armory operations, and Department of Transportation regulations for moving ammunition.

“I was kind of shocked that the award was given to me,” added Bethune. “I believe in just coming in and doing your job. Working with good people is the key to success and I thank the ones I’ve been around.” However, Bethune’s superiors weren’t surprised by the award. Characterized as a high-level performer and a professional, they noticed his long hours and leadership.

“Sgt Bethune’s high morale, exceptional appearance, and his attention to detail project a positive image for himself and the 94th AW,” said Chief Master Sgt. Tim Murphy, Security Forces manager. “We were fortunate to have his skills and attitude working for us.”

## Hogan (cont'd from page 1)

expert. Then, 13 years ago, he brought those airlift defensive system skills to the 94th AW and helped implement the first defensive systems on C-130 cargo planes.

Among his accomplishments, Hogan deployed for the 7th time to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in support of Bosnian and Kosovo operations. During the deployment, he supervised 30 people and supported three types of C-130 aircraft. He also earned a Letter of Appreciation from the 38th Airlift Squadron for his efforts.

“During my first hitch, I was a cook,” recalled Hogan. “But, I was looking for more from the Air Force and started looking at how I could get the most training and electronic warfare was it. In the eighties we had a cold war and it was exciting to me to work with classified technology and try to figure out ways to fool the enemy.”

According to Hogan, the defensive and counter defensive systems are like a game of cat and mouse where the crew in the aircraft is trying to outwit the enemy on the ground. From sending signals to make the guy on the ground zero-in on the wrong target to releasing flare to take a missile off target, Hogan enjoys his role and wants to be in the action every chance he gets.

“I enjoy going TDY,” said Hogan, who likes meeting people and doing the job he was trained for. “That’s when my job turns from paperwork to actually getting missions out on time. There’s a sense of urgency to get the job done when you are deployed.”

While deploying is a great experience, Hogan admits it’s not always easy for the family. Lighting strikes and the hospitalization of his son are events he has to deal with on his own while his wife Deborah handles the home front.

“She’s really good about my deployments,” he said. “She understands it’s part of the job and I really count on her. The week leading up to the deployment, I’m pretty uptight and it bothers her. Then, I leave and it’s okay. Hogan has a 17 year-old daughter and 4-year old son at home and a 22-year old in the Marine Corps.

“The people who work with me in the Avionics shop are the most skilled I’ve worked with in the Air Force including active duty,” continued Hogan, who manages seven reservists and six ARTs. “They make my job easy. I trust them completely and don’t have to second-guess what they do. They do the work and make me look good.” Hogan is also complimentary of his commander.

“In 24 years of service, Maj. Ken LaPierre is one of the best officers I’ve worked with,” said Hogan. “And for him to submit me for this award means a lot to me. I appreciate and respect him for his integrity and know he



**Senior Master Sgt. Steve Hogan, 94th Maintenance Squadron communication/navigation supervisor has been there, done that. Considered an innovator in aircraft defensive systems, he helped equip C-130 trash haulers with defensive systems. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)**

wouldn’t have done it if he didn’t think I deserved it.”

Hogan holds a Bachelor’s degree in Human Resource Management and two Associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force. As an avid runner, he competes in the Boston Marathon, and has run the Atlanta Peachtree race 10 times.